



Montana State
Trauma Care
Committee

November 8, 2004

- Present:** Drs. Mike Orcutt, Kirby Peden, Brad Pickhardt, and Greg Moore, Pauline Linnell, Tim Sinton, William Taylor, John Bleicher, Mike McGree, and Jennie Nemec,
- Absent:** Joe Hansen and John Mootry excused, Randall Combs, Louis Kattine
- Guests:** Kim Todd, Jim DeTienne, Pamela LaFontaine, Ray Kuntz, Sally Buckles, Denny Maier, Richard Mickelson, Connie Stone, and Jim Bentler

Handouts:

- Agenda
- Trauma reports slides
- Draft trauma system benchmarks and MT scoring results
- Minutes August 9, 2004 meeting
- Safety Belt information from Ray Kuntz

Introductions/ Comments

Dr Orcutt has recently gave the white crosses presentation and received favorable reviews. He also noted from peers and comments from outside of Montana that Montana has a highly regarded rural trauma system.

Jim DeTienne discussed lobbying vs. advocacy. The simple definition of advocacy is: Educating and informing without asking for a specific action.

Discussion

Ray Kuntz Presentation

Summary

A presentation was made supporting a primary seat belt law for Montana. This effort to support such a law is being undertaken because of the associated costs reflected in liability and health insurance and workman's compensation. Ray estimates that a primary seat belt law would result in approximately 40 less fatalities a year based on data obtained from other states. The SEATBELT MONTANA coalition is working on a grass roots effort to see this bill passed in the upcoming legislative session.

Discussion
Previous Minutes

Summary
Approved without discussion.

Discussion
STCC letterhead and logo

Summary
Samples were passed out and selection made unanimously.

Discussion
Open STCC positions
ACEP
MMA
Central RTAC
Western RTAC
MHA

Summary
Dr. Bentler's name will be submitted to the governor.
Still need to get a representative. Dr. Orcutt will pursue.
Jennie Nemec will be submitted for reappointment.
Brad Pickhardt will be submitted for reappointment.
John Mootry will be submitted for reappointment.

Discussion
Trauma Rules

Summary
The rules are still in legal review and when completed Kim will provide a draft copy from DPHHS legal department to the STCC for final comment. Plan to file the trauma rules on November 22, 2004. Formal motion, seconded, no opposition, passed for having one public hearing to be held in Helena. If filed on November 22nd the rules will go into effect January 16, 2005.

Eighteen (18) trauma consultation visits to prepare the facilities for trauma center designation were completed in 2004 utilizing HRSA bioterrorism funds. Twenty-three (23) reviews were completed in 2002. Funding is now available to complete the remaining trauma consultations in 2005. Remaining facilities include one (1) in the Western RTAC, three (3) in the Central RTAC, and twelve (12) in the Eastern RTAC. In addition to the formal trauma consultations, we are also offering a free technical assistance visit from the nurse reviewer to assist in facility in complying with the recommendations made during the consultation visit.

Discussion
Trauma Registry

Summary
The Cales data has been converted to the Collector format and downloaded to the state this past week. This data has not been validated yet and cursory review reveals there are some inconsistencies. Preliminary reports were provided to the committee. Consensus is the reports were wonderful for a start and a big step forward. EMSTS still needs central site training for download submission to the state of the new Collector data from facilities. Tom Esposito's visit has been postponed until we have this data as well. Montana plans to submit to the National Trauma Data Bank in 2005 based on getting Digital Innovation fixes of database completed.

Discussion

Trauma System Evaluation

Summary

A report of the Montana scoring of the draft trauma system benchmarks was sent to the committee members prior to this meeting. The committee felt that the weaknesses simply reflected how we have prioritized and did not identify true weaknesses. Comments included: difficult to interpret report, too many points, and too much time talking about the problems instead of fixing them with the limited resources we have. Future use of this document was discussed and a formal motion, seconded, no opposition, passed that we table this for now.

Discussion

Subcommittee Structure

Summary

The subcommittees need revitalization. It was agreed to review the subcommittee membership and it was suggested that there be one representative from each RTAC on each of the subcommittees. The committees need to review the previous mission, committee charters, and determine goals for the next year. To complete goals members can do conference calls, telemedicine connection, meetings besides the one prior to each STCC meeting, emails, and bulletin boards.

Discussion

Subcommittee Report
Prevention
Kirby Peden - Chair

Summary

No report.

Discussion

Subcommittee Report
Legislation/Public Advocacy
John Mootry - Chair

Summary

Kim gave John's report, as he was unable to attend the meeting.

Discussion

Subcommittee Report
Education
John Bleicher - Chair

Summary

Numerous opportunities: Society of Trauma Nurses Trauma Nursing Course to each RTAC, one PDA STAT man patient simulator to each RTAC, ATLS being done on a regional basis had proceeded very well, and the revised ATLS course obtained with PowerPoint slides, ATLS Instructor course April 30th in Billings. The American College of Surgeons (ACS) Rural Trauma Team Development course is now available. Doug Schmitz, WY trauma medical director helped author the course and has agreed to come to MT do provide a course for us to evaluate. Those nurses and MDs attending this course can then teach. Kirby Peden offered Big Timber as a site to do the course and Kim will follow up.

Discussion

Subcommittee Report

Organization/Emergency
Preparedness
Greg Moore - Chair

Summary

Kim will be working with Tim Nordstrom from St. Vincent's utilizing HRSA grant funds to send 5 people to Alaska to become instructors for a pediatric disaster course we will then disseminate around Montana. Discussion was held on the need for a central medical dispatch (CMD). CMD is the priority project for this subcommittee for the next year. Should CMD be used for disasters or for every day? It was agreed it should be used everyday, but there will probably be opposition to using it in this manner. Discussion included if it should be web based or one telephone number (like 911). This subcommittee will plan what we want it to do and determine the cost to see if it is feasible with what resources/funding we have available.

Subcommittee Member Discussion:

Prevention: Kirby Peden (CHAIR), Brad VonBergen, Teri Sanddal, Shelly Otoupalik, Tim Sinton, Thom Danenhower

Education: John Bleicher (CHAIR), William Taylor, Pauline Linnell, Sally Buckles, Elaine Schuchard, Penny Clifton, Lyndy Gurchiek, Linda Williams, Kim Todd

Legislation/Public Advocacy: John Mootry (CHAIR), Jim Bentler, Mike McGree, Mike Orcutt, Jim DeTienne

Organization/Emergency Preparedness: Greg Moore (CHAIR), Dale Dallman, Pete Lucas, Jason Banfield, Jim Bentler, Dayle Perrin

Information/QI: Brad Pickhardt (CHAIR), Denny Maier, Richard Mickelson, Carol Kussman, (Michelle Schaefer & Lisa Raymond ad hoc), Pamela LaFountaine

Discussion

EMS & Trauma System
Update

Summary

Jim gave report on EMSTS strategic plan, EMS task force goals, section staffing, and a new state database being developed. We plan to work with other state agencies on data linkage to share information. A legislative agenda focused on EMS needs (i.e. funding, tax breaks/retirement for EMTs & volunteers) was discussed.

Discussion

RTAC Reports

Summary

Central – Approved trauma transfer guidelines, TNCC course completed, Traumatic Brain Injury Instructor course done, PHTLS starting up again, White Crosses presentation done twice, received PDA stat mannequin, no case reports at RTAC meeting, and 12 went to the Rocky Mountain Rural Trauma Symposium which had good turnout in Great Falls this year.

Eastern – No cases to report so cancelled last meeting, TNCC course two weeks ago, STARS van to Billings last week, suggested an instructor course on how to run the new PDA STAT mannequins (Bill Taylor has a possible instructor and will provide name to Kim).

Western – Meeting last month in Butte, attendance good, case presentations still be big part and draws more to meeting, Rich Gould new chair, pursuing educational grants, Community Medical Center has had an ACS trauma consultation visit, poster on trauma/prevention being developed, horse study data presentation done and John will give at next STCC, Polson mass casualty incident and 5 cases reviewed, trauma flow sheet development, Montana's new paper data abstract form for the trauma registry and process overview – make process easy.

Discussion

Other Business

Summary

Agenda item for next STCC is what we see as the ideal trauma system for our state.

MEMSA is hosting a legislative reception on February 9, 2005 in Helena is a get together with legislators to discuss EMS issues. Mike Orcutt agreed to present the White Crosses presentation at that reception and will discuss this opportunity with John Mootry.

Discussion

2005 Meetings

Summary

February 14, 2005,
May 9, 2005,
August 8, 2005, and
November 14, 2005.

All to be held in Helena at the Wingate Inn